First Sunday in Lent





SUNDAY WORSHIP February 18, 2018

Welcome to Worship

We are so glad that you have joined us for worship this morning and we want you to know that you are always welcome. Regardless of who you are, where you come from, what you do professionally or in your spare time, there is always a place for you here at Greystone.

GETTING CONNECTED AT GBC

You can give us a record of your visit by filling out the blue **Friendship Pads** as they are passed down the pews during the service. This will give us a chance to connect with you and help you learn more about Greystone. You can also ask one of the Ministers or Ushers who will direct you to information about our church. We also invite you to visit our website where you'll learn more about Greystone.

YOUR WHOLE FAMILY IS WELCOME!

Worship Care is available in our preschool area for babies to five-year-olds during both the 8:45 and 11:00 services. If you would like your children to participate in Worship Care, please stop by the check-in desk to register and drop off your children. We also have activity bags available for children of all ages. They are located in the basket near the entrance to the Sanctuary.

We hope you find Greystone to be a vibrant, diverse community of faith. Our members come from a wide-range of spiritual backgrounds and life experiences. All of them care deeply for each other and the world around them. At Greystone, we believe **"Every Member is a Minister."** We pray your worship with us today leads you further down the path of God's calling upon your life.

Reflection

¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

 2 O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

³ Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴ Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

⁵ Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

⁶ Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

⁸Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

⁹ He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰ All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

– Psalm 25:1-10

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

| Sunday, February 18 | | 8:45 & 11:00 am |
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| | At the opening of this hour of worship, take a moment to prepare your hearts. Be sure to sign the Friendship Pad located in your pews and pass it down the row. | |
| Prelude | "Forty Days and Forty Nights" Lee Ann Spahr, Organ | arr. Leatherman |
| Welcome | | Randy Ashcraft |
| **Call to Worship | Student Choir | |
| 🕈 Chorus | How Great Is Our God See music and text at the end of the worship order Children come forward following this chorus | Tomlin |
| Children's Massage | Children come forward following this chorus | Auril Alston |
| Children's Message | | April Alston |
| Worship Reflection | "Nearer My God to Thee" Lee Ann Spahr, Organ | Mason |
| Scripture Reading | Psalm 25:1-10 | Allan Smith |
| Prayer of Confession | | |
| 🕈 Hymn 56 | To God Be the Glory All Stanzas | TO GOD BE THE GLORY |
| Offertory Prayer | | Amy Ng |

*8:45 worship service / **11:00 worship service

 \clubsuit All who are able, are invited to stand

Hearing devices and large-print hymnals are available at the back of the sanctuary.

| *Offertory | "Jesus is All the World to Me" Sue Newton, Piano | arr. Kim | | |
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| **Choral Offertory | Student Choir | | | |
| Response 8 | Come Thou Almighty King | ITALIAN HYMN | | |
| To Thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence evermore; Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore. Amen. | | | | |
| Scripture Reading | Ephesians 1:1-14 | Amanda Atkin | | |
| Reader: The Word of God for the people of God. People: Thanks be to God. | | | | |
| Sermon | "Why in the World Are We Here?" | Randy Ashcraft | | |
| Discipline of Silence | | | | |
| Take a moment to hear what the Spirit may be speaking to you | | | | |
| \ Hymn 319 | Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross | NEAR THE CROSS | | |
| A minister will be at the front during this time to welcome any prayer need or decision you would like to share - whether it is to publicly profess faith in Christ or to join the Greystone church family. Respond as God's Spirit leads. | | | | |
| � Passing the Peace | | | | |
| Leader: The peace of Christ be with you. People: And also with you. | | | | |
| Celebrating Communit | У | Randy Ashcraft | | |
| Sending Song 597 | Take My Life and Let It Be, Stz.1 | HENDON | | |
| Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee; Take my moments and my days- Let them flow in ceaseless praise, Let them flow in ceaseless praise. | | | | |

† Benediction

Give up harsh words: use generous ones. Give up unhappiness: take up gratitude. Give up anger: take up gentleness and patience. Give up pessimism: take up hope and optimism. Give up worrying: take up trust in God. Give up complaining: value what you have. Give up stress: take up prayer. Give up judging others: discover Christ within them. Give up sorry and bitterness: fill your heart with joy. Give up selfishness: take up compassion for others. Give up being unforgiving: learn reconciliation. Give up words: fill ourself with silence, and listen to others. Give up the ways of death: practice resurrection.

Postlude

"Consecrated, Lord, to Thee" Lee Ann Spahr, Organ

arr. Wagner

Worship Notes

The flowers today are for JoEllen Ammons and Grandma from the Ammons family.

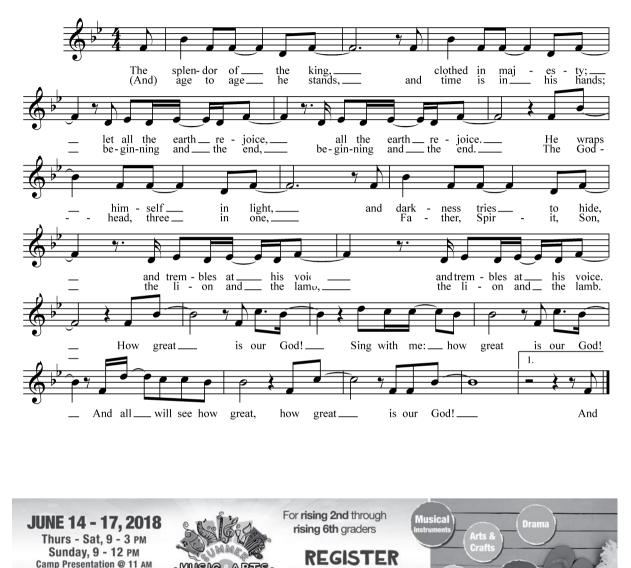
Today's Worship Leaders

Amy Ng, Deacon of the Week 919-784-6970, aaronsmom1@gmail.com Amy is serving as Deacon of the Week this morning. Amy is married to Eddy. They joined in October of 209 and are members of the Young Adults class. Amy serves on the Preschool Children's Ministry Committee.

MUSIC FOR WORSHIP

How Great Is Our God

Tomlin



SMAC is an opportunity for children to explore the rich world of music and the arts—including singing, movement, instruments, drama, crafts, and more—in a fun, energetic environment. The highlight of the week is always the Camp Musical. They will learn an entire musical in one week—drama, staging, singing, and all!

Now!

Camp

Coming up at Greystone

Orientation Sessions - We will be hosting a series of conversations to help orient guests and new comers to Greystone. These sessions will cover a bit of history about Greystone, our ministries and missions, ways for you to be involved, and time with our pastor, Randy Ashcraft. These conversations will take place in "Books on the Corner", our media center that is located just across the walkway from the Fellowship Hall. We will meet at 10 AM this morning and on February 25. If you have further questions, please contact Amanda Atkin.

Practice Resurrection Study - In this time of transition at Greystone, it is really important to have practices and tools that strengthen our sense of togetherness. One of the ways we can do this is to study and discuss something together. During Lent, our Adult Sunday School classes will be reading and discussing, Practice Resurrection, by Eugene Peterson. In Practice Resurrection, Peterson brings the voice of Scripture ~ especially Paul's letter to the Ephesians - and the voice of the contemporary Christian congregation together to unpack what it means to fully grow up "to the stature of Christ." Through all of us reading and discussing this book by Peterson, my hope is that we will all understand how to bring Christian character to the center of our lives. In addition to these Sunday morning opportunities to join in on the discussion, we will also offer study groups on Monday mornings at 10:30 in the Gathering Room with Randy Ashcraft and on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 with Amanda Atkin. We hope you will find a way to join your friends and church family in this study. Paul's letter to the believers in Ephesus was crucial in the development of the early church and can still be a trusted guide for us in today's modern church.

Wednesday Night Dinners at Greystone - We will accept reservations until noon on Mondays. You can reserve your meal by filling in a reservation card (located in the Sanctuary pew racks) and placing that card in the offering plates, calling the church office or by signing up through our church website. Meals are \$7 per adult and \$4 per child with a family cap of \$20. Menu for 2/21: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garden salad, bread.

Church-Wide Pancake Breakfast - Join us for fellowship and pancakes on Sunday, February 25 at 9:15 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Youth Winter Mountain Retreat - Sign Up Now Youth, grades 6-12 are invited to come away for a weekend of fellowship, recreation, and worship. On March 2 - 4, at the Mt. Shepherd Retreat Center, in Asheboro, NC, we will explore the mountains of central North Carolina with a variety of outdoor activities, including hiking, rock climbing, low and high ropes courses, and simply sitting amidst God's creation. Cost for the retreat will be \$100. Full and partial scholarships are available. Please contact Allan Smith with any questions.

Habitat Workdays - Churches from the Wake Missionary Baptist Association and the Raleigh Baptist Association are partnering together to build Habitat homes in 2018. Greystone will be part of that effort again this year. We have two work days that we need volunteers. Friday, March 2 and Friday, March 23. You can sign up today and next Sunday at the back of the sanctuary. For more information, contact Johnny Glover, johnnyglover1950@yahoo.com.

Thank You - Greystone family, it has been a very difficult time for the Long's. We so much appreciate the visits, cards and prayers during the loss of a very special person, my Mom, Nancy Godwin. She loved her church family so much and the many years being in the choir. She, I'm certain, was singing along with the beautiful music that Pepper and Mike provided. Thank you all again from the Long Family for your prayers and support. - Pat Long

(Continued on the back of the prayer list)



| Sunday, February 18 | | $\mathcal{O}\mathcal{O}$ |
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| 8:45 & 11:00 am | Worship Service | Randy Ashcraft |
| 9:45 | Sunday School | Pastor in the Interim |
| 10:00 | Orientation | randy.ashcraft@greystonechurch.org |
| 4:00 pm | Grace Tones Ensemble Rehearsal | randy.aonerarcegreyotomeentaren.org |
| 5:00 | Handbell Choir Rehearsal | A 17 A 1 |
| Monday, February 19 | | April Alston |
| 10:30 am | Practice Resurrection Study, Gathering Rm | Assoc. Minister of Children/Preschool |
| 6:30 pm | AA Women's Group | april.alston@greystonechurch.org |
| 0.50 pm | Missions Committee meeting | |
| | Weekday Preschool Committee meeting | Amanda Atkin |
| | AA Co-ed Group | Assoc. Minister of Faith Formation |
| T 1 D 1 D 20 | l'il oo cu oloup | amanda.atkin@greystonechurch.org |
| Tuesday, February 20 | | amanda.atkin@greystonechurch.org |
| 9:30 am | Staff Meeting | |
| 6:30 pm | AA Women's Group | Mike Eller |
| | Media Team meeting | Assoc. Minister of Music |
| Wednesday, February 21 | | mike.eller@greystonechurch.org |
| 5:30 pm | Wednesday Night Live Dinner | |
| 6:00 | Children's Worship Arts & Music (WAM!) | Allan Smith |
| 6:15 | Prayer & Adult Study | Assoc. Minister of Students |
| | Youth Selah | |
| 6:45 | Children - Mission Study | allan.smith@greystonechurch.org |
| 7:00 | Pastor Search Team meeting | |
| 7:15 | Adult Choir Rehearsal | Pam Phillips |
| E 1 E 1 | | Weekday Preschool Director |
| Friday, February 23 8:00 pm | AA Group | weekdaypreschool@greystonechurch.org |
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Child Care Helpers

Today

Barbara Crabb, Greyson and Amy Davis, Katie Eller, Gayla Hollingsworth, Maria Morton, Cheryl Muncie

Sunday, February 25

Bob and Joy Millikan, Nancy Register, Craig Swaim, Dustin and Emily Tuttle

Our Mission

WITH CHRIST AS THE CORNERSTONE, WE WILL BUILD A CHURCH OF LIVING STONES, WHERE EVERY MEMBER IS A MINISTER AND IS EQUIPPED TO EXPRESS GOD'S LOVE BY WORD AND DEED TO ALL PEOPLE.

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